



BUSH FIRE NOTICE AND REQUIREMENTS

NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS AND/OR OCCUPIERS OF LAND IN THE SHIRE OF CARNARVON

In accordance with Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, you are required to carry out fire prevention work on land owned or occupied by you as set out in this Notice by the dates specified. If the requirements of this Notice are not met by the due date or are not completed to the satisfaction of an inspecting officer, an on-the-spot fine of \$250 will be issued. The maximum fine for failure to comply is \$5,000 or a modified penalty of \$250 per day. Council can also enter the land and carry out required works at the owner/occupier's expense. (*Section 33 Bush Fires Act 1954*).

All landowners and occupiers of land within the Shire of Carnarvon shall before the 1st day of November in each year (or within 14 days of becoming the owner or occupier of land if after that date) clear firebreaks and maintain them up to and including the 30th day of April the following year, in accordance with this notice. Where a property is affected by an approved bushfire management plan, the property owner and/or occupier must still comply with all requirements in this notice and with ALL additional requirements outlined within that plan.

FIRE BREAK NOTICE 2023/2024

FIRE BREAKS

Must be installed before 1 November and maintained to 30 April inclusive.

TOWNSITE LAND

Refers to all land within the gazetted town site of Carnarvon and Coral Bay

Where the land is 2,000 square metres or less:

- Maintain all dry grass on the land to a height no greater than 50mm.
- Ensure no tree crowns overhang buildings.
- Prune trees and shrubs and remove dead flammable material within 1.5m around all buildings.
- Ensure the roofs, gutters, and walls of all buildings on the land are free of flammable matter.

Where the land is greater than 2,000 square metres:

- Install or upgrade a minimum 3-metre-wide by 4-metre-high clearance, bare earth, continuous (no dead ends) trafficable fire break as close as possible inside the entire perimeter of the land.
- Keep a 20m low fuel asset protection zone, clear of all flammable material, around all buildings.

RURAL, PASTORAL, AND PLANTATION LAND

Refers to all land outside the gazetted town site of Carnarvon and Coral Bay.

- Install or upgrade a minimum 3-metre-wide by 4-metre-high clearance (for pastoral lands recommended 6-20m break be installed dependent on fuel loading and vegetation), bare earth, continuous (no dead ends) trafficable fire break as close as possible inside the entire perimeter of the land.

Asset Protection Zone

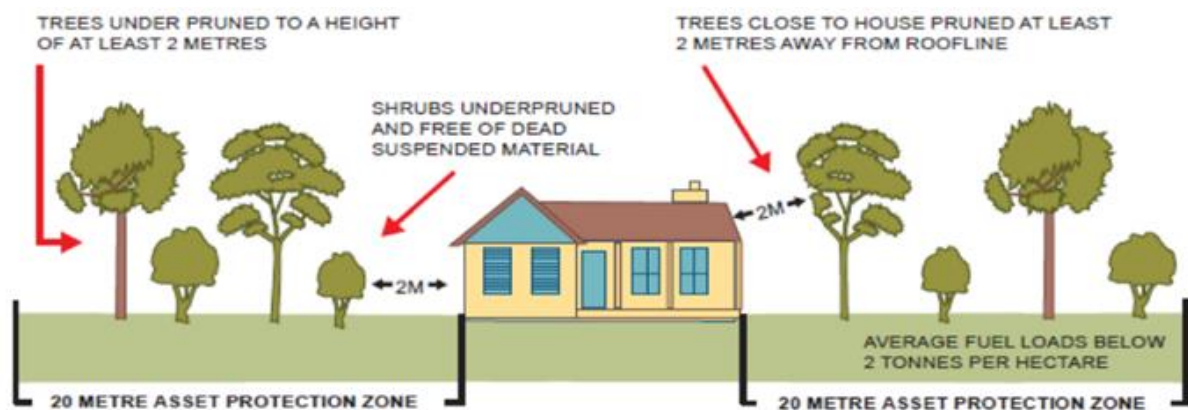
Asset Protection Zone, maintain a fuel-reduced zone around all buildings and assets which extends 20 metres from the outermost point of all buildings and assets.

Gutters, roofs, and walls of all buildings are to be free of flammable matter and maintained.

Fuel load within the 20-metre zone is reduced and maintained to no more than 2 tonnes per hectare.

Trees over 5 meters in height within the 20-metre zone to be under-pruned up to 2 metres.

Trees or shrubs within 2 metres of a building/asset shall be pruned to a height no greater than 2 metres and/or pruned away from the building/asset to a distance greater than 2 metres.



ALTERNATE STYLE FIREBREAK

If you consider it impracticable or environmentally damaging to carry out the requirements set out in this notice, you can apply to the Shire by 1 October for permission to provide alternative firebreaks or other fire prevention measures. In the absence of written approval for alternative measures, the owner/occupier must adhere to the requirements of this Notice. For further information, contact the Shire of Carnarvon on 9941 0000.

RUBBISH SITES

Refers to all rubbish sites for pastoral stations, town sites, and community use.

Install or upgrade a minimum 3-metre-wide by 4-metre-high clearance, bare earth, continuous (no dead ends) trafficable fire break as close as possible inside the entire perimeter of the rubbish site.

ADDITIONAL WORKS

In addition to the requirements of this Notice, regardless of land size and location, you may be required to carry out further fire prevention works to reduce hazards considered necessary by an Authorised Officer. Any further requirement would be specified by way of a “work order” forwarded to the address of the owner(s) and/or occupier(s). Some examples of these could be:

- Remove accumulated fuel such as leaf litter, twigs, dead bush, and dead trees capable of carrying a running fire.
- Reduce unmanaged grasses/weeds by slashing, mowing, or other means.
- Reduce long grasses in areas not being grazed or cultivated by slashing, mowing, bailing, or by other means.
- Reduce vegetation to a low-threat state from the outer edge of the firebreak through to the property boundary (e.g., no long grass or overhanging branches).

FIREBREAKS

A strip of land free of all flammable material with the intention of minimizing the spread or extension of a bushfire and providing safe access on the property for emergency vehicles and other firefighting operations.

Such firebreaks may be constructed by one or more of the following methods:

- Ploughing
- Cultivating
- Raking
- Burning
- Chemical spraying



Picture: Example of required firebreak and dimension of fire units

DATES YOU MUST REMEMBER

RESTRICTED BURNING

1 October to 30 April Every Year

During this period:

- A permit is required to burn.
- Burning is prohibited on any day when the Fire Danger Rating reaches High, Extreme, or Catastrophic.
- Burning is prohibited when a Total Fire Ban has been declared.
- NO PERMITS will be issued for burning on public holidays.

During the Restricted Burning Periods:

You are only allowed to burn on days that are Moderate. There are signs located on Northwest Coast Highway north and south of Carnarvon townsite.

You can also look on the BOM website:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/fire-danger-ratings.shtml>

PERMITS TO BURN

Can be obtained by contacting a Local Fire Control Officer or the Shire of Carnarvon Ph: 9941 0000

Email: shire@carnarvon.wa.gov.au

BUSH FIRE BRIGADE MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in joining your local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, contact the Fire Control Officer for your area or the Shire's Community Emergency Services Manager on 0448 081 637.

RECRUITING
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CONTACTS INFORMATION

ALL FIRES OR LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES

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Gascoyne River Bush Fire Brigade:	000
Hospital:	9941 0555
SES:	132 500
Police:	131 444
DFES information line:	13 33 37
Shire Office:	9941 0000
Visitors Centre	9941 1146
Shire Ranger:	9941 0019

FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS

Community Emergency Services Manager:	0448 081 637
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